



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: Pest Management Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING CANCELLED

At last spring's Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) meeting, we briefly discussed opportunities to better utilize committee members' extensive wealth of information and creative thinking to better inform Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) decisionmaking. Subsequently, DPR retained Mr. Joseph McIntyre to facilitate a discussion with individual committee members regarding ways we might further enhance the committee's advisory role.

Unfortunately, the protracted budget negotiations forced us to suspend many of our contracts, including the one with Mr. McIntyre. Although the budget has been finalized, we are still awaiting a decision on the future of our contracts.

Given this delay, we believe it is a better use of time to cancel the November 13 meeting and allow Mr. McIntyre to complete his work, report his conclusions, and make recommendations to the DPR executive team. Once he has done so, we will identify what actions, if any, we should pursue.

It is our expectation that we will be prepared to share our decisions with the PMAC when we convene the winter 2009 meeting (tentatively scheduled for mid-February). Deputy Director Mark Rentz is putting together the 2009 meeting schedule, and will be forwarding it to you soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. You may reach Mark at 916-324-0614 or <mrentz@cdpr.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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